

Today

Fighting Talk.
Kaiser—Missing Link.
Earned His Match.
Foch's Ancient Tongue.

Editors needing suggestion for writings on the Kaiser might read Prof. Proctor's description of various missing links, including the lancelet which according to the learned professor is "the lowest vertebrate and fish * * * and has no brain, heart, bones, skull, ears, or kidneys. It is the only vertebrate which lacks a heart, and it is likewise the only vertebrate in which the blood is colorless."

How much would you have to change that to describe the head of the Hohenzollern family? Is not the Kaiser, in fact, a psychological missing link between the troglodytes and modern civilization?

After fighting as a nation for three thousand years, the Italians nationally and individually still stand out among the world's best fighters. And living in America doesn't seem to interfere with their efficiency.

Here is an authentic story from the trenches. A young Italian, coal miner from Pennsylvania, born in America, five feet four inches high, brought in two prisoners, having killed another, and asked for a match. The officer's answer was "I will give you a match if you will bring in another prisoner."

Promptly the young Italian went over the parapet again, and returned with another prisoner walking, with hands in the air, ahead of the Italian's bayonet point.

This is the kind of energy that explains the power of old Rome, and the value of modern Italians in doing work that seems a little too hard for others.

Let those afflicted with prejudice against foreigners remember this fighting young Italian coal miner. There are thousands like him in the American army, and millions in the Italian ranks.

You get a picture of war in these five lines from the German official statement:

"French regiments were repulsed with heavy losses and left in our hands 300 prisoners, who were subsequently killed by French artillery fire."

You will form your own opinion as to the manner in which the German officers placed these 300 prisoners, in order that all of them should be killed by artillery fire from the prisoners' friends. Much cheaper than feeding the prisoners. It was probably all of the delighted official writing the report.

"Hun fights well in crowds, but is yellow" is a hand, say Yankees.

Under that heading an International News cable quotes a young American soldier as follows: "Them guys don't stand up and fight. They are all right in crowds, but they quit cold when they get in hand-to-hand fighting."

It is a fact that Germans in the prize-fighting game, in spite of repeated efforts, have never achieved success. Fighting men against man the German has been knocked down a few times, is inclined to stop.

However, it is "fighting in crowds" and stern discipline that makes a body of men march against bayonets and machine guns that win battles.

And you learn of the mental attitude that has carried the Kaiser so far, from this statement by an English gunner in the Daily Mail: "We fired straight into them and they went down in heaps, yet we could not stop them. It was one down and another come on."

In this desperate fighting by the Germans, who do not know for what they fight or why their Kaiser led them into it, and who can gain nothing but the world's bitter hatred, you see the expression of the marvelous power that might have carried Germany so far on the road of useful glory and unlimited prosperity.

But Germany had her Kaiser, a survival of the bloody past, ready to turn her civilization to murder at the first opportunity. The glories of science, commerce, prosperity, and constantly growing happiness for his people did not satisfy him.

His opportunity came. In this one "drive" he has probably killed half a million of his own men and hundreds of thousands of others that would have been content to live in peace. It had to happen, apparently.

Wise men are puzzled by the Basque language that Foch and 600,000 French and Spaniards understand—part of the Basque region is Spanish and part French. Eakura is the name of the strange tongue that is not European, or Indian, or Semitic, but said to go back of any of those. It resembles in some ways certain languages of the Mongolians of North American tribes, and of East Africans.

How far back, into what parts of the world does the history of this man Foch go, whose ancestors spoke a language so old and strange?

BRITISH TANK BRITANNIA INVADES CAPITAL

WEATHER:

Fair and cooler tonight, with light frost; tomorrow partly cloudy. Temperature at 8 a. m., 53 degrees; average for April 19 for thirty years, 54 degrees.

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Is Foch Making Ready For Big Attack?

RESERVE ARMY FROM ITALY GOING TO WESTERN FRONT

PRESIDENT TO BACK PLAN TO STABILIZE U. S. MONEY ABROAD

CREW OF TANK COLLECT BIG TRIBUTE FOR LIBERTY LOAN

Probably Will Be Influenced by Position Taken By Secretary McAdoo and Chairman of Senate Banking Committee.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson has told Chairman Owen of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency that he would do everything that was possible to correct the depreciation of American exchange on the neutral markets.

The Oklahoma Senator takes the position that Congress has already given the executive branch of the Government sufficient power to do a number of things that would tend to restore the position of our dollar in foreign exchange to something like its accustomed status.

Allies' indebtedness. The silver bill just passed by the Senate will be of great assistance, but since it is desirable to limit the export of both gold and silver, credit arrangements provide the only machinery just now to effect the necessary changes in the price of American exchange.

This situation is due primarily not to adverse trade balances so far as America is concerned, but to the heavy indebtedness of our European allies to neutral countries. All the neutrals are just now furnishing the entente nations with more goods than the neutrals are able to import from the allies.

This has put their own currency at a premium in the entente markets and allied exchange, including the American dollar at a discount. The United States ordinarily would overcome this by shipments of gold; but these have been restricted both in order to prevent Germany getting it, and to protect our own currency, so the only alternative is to transfer credit.

Amendment Tacked On. To accomplish that end an amendment was tacked on to the war finance corporation bill, and to the measure authorizing the third Liberty loan, whereby our bonds could be placed in the hands of the neutral countries. This makes the Spanish or Swedish or Norwegian banker certain that he will get back his principal.

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"More Applicants Than Positions"—that was the result obtained by Ernest Gichner, 1107 E street N. W. Mr. Gichner needed tinnies. He got them through a TIMES "RESULT GETTER." The little ad only cost 16 cents.

Simply phone Main 5260 and an experienced operator will write your want ad for you and see that it is properly inserted in The TIMES.

The Tanks Britannia and America; the Britannia Arrived Here Today



The British tank Britannia, which rumbled through Washington streets today. It has seen active service at the battle front in France.

LOVE FIRE GOES OUT; COSTS HIM \$500

"Nothing in the world but death will break our engagement. You call me Morris and I'll call you Ethel. For, my dear little girl, you are mine, and I will not let you go now."

These words, breathed in the ear of Miss Ethel Tierkel, of Philadelphia, just one hour after they had met plighted the truth of Morris Gill of Washington. All is changed today, for a jury in Justice Gould's court has awarded the girl \$500 as a bribe for a heart broken in a shattered romance.

"The name" of Mrs. H. M. Gill sounds good to me, how does it sound to you?" wrote Gill, a Washington engineer, in September, 1915, to the Quaker City maid. It was her consent to accept the name that brought the suit for breach of promise.

"Five hundred dollars! What is that to a wrecked life and an unfulfilled dream of happiness?" sobbed the girl today as she departed for her home justified by a jury in the eyes of the world.

Deserted, She Says. Within the shadow of the altar, the girl was deserted for another, she says, Gill now resides at 2207 Champlain street northwest with another woman as his wife. He was an ardent suitor, according to the testimony of his former fiancée, introduced "by friends, Gill proposed within an hour, as he took the girl out for a motor trip on August 15, 1915, she claims.

"I hope you will soon be married to me and come to Washington," the engineer whispered, the girl claims. And she "broke a date" with another man to let the wedding continue. When business forced him to be absent from the girl's side, the Washington man wooed by mail, telegram, and special envoys. Within a week the young woman consented to be married. An engagement ring was given four weeks later, and the betrothal Nothing has been announced of Mr. Warren's intention for the future.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LOSES CHARLES WARREN

The resignation of Assistant Attorney General Charles Warren was announced at the Department of Justice this afternoon. It has been accepted, effective immediately, it was said. No reasons for the resignation were made public.

Mr. Warren came to the Department of Justice on May 18, 1914, from Boston, where he was practicing law. During the early part of the war a large part of the business of the department in connection with espionage cases and the like was handled by him.

MESSAGE TO EMBASSY SAYS ITALIANS WILL FIGHT ON PICARDY LINE

Italian troops will soon start for France, it was officially announced at the Italian embassy here today.

Cables from Rome to Ambassador Celere stated that forces of General Diaz are to fight shoulder to shoulder with the British, French, and Americans on the plains of Picardy.

The announcement, the cables stated, was received with great enthusiasm by the Italian Parliament, even the Socialist delegation participating in a lengthy demonstration. Rome was also enthusiastic as word of the move spread.

Premier Orlando in addressing Parliament, pointed out that the Italian forces formed the right wing of the united armies of the allies and that it is highly fitting that a portion of the troops on this front be sent to the aid of a hard-pressed sector.

Official Rome considers the move of utmost importance and it is declared that the unity of military operations will involve greatest possible political and moral unity among the four great powers.

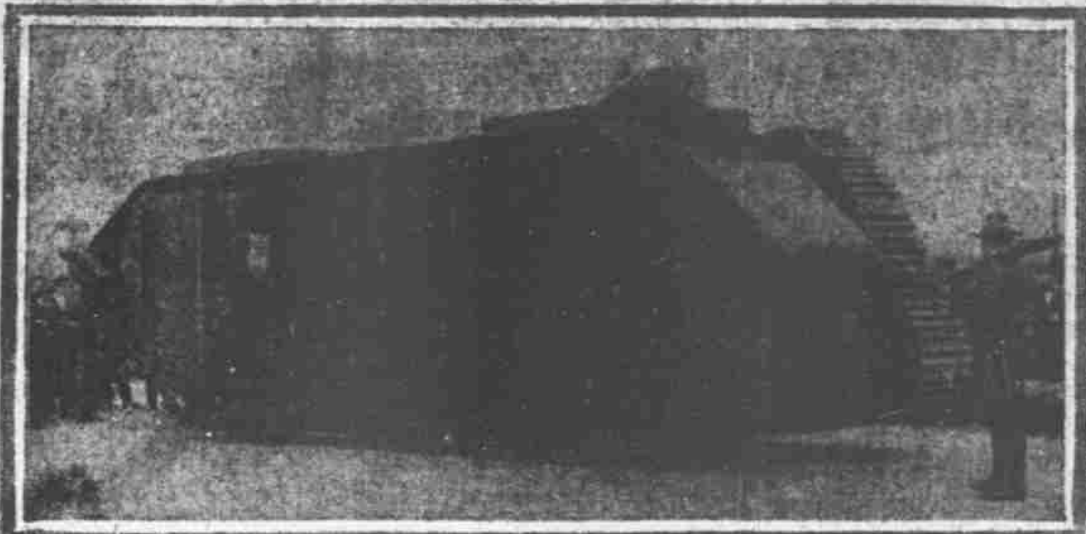
It is asserted that the Italian people feel proud of the opportunity to prove their valor alongside French, British, and Americans.

It is indicated that the troops will be drawn from reserves.

HAIG IS HOLDING HIS LINE INTACT

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 19.—Aside from Haig's withdrawal from the advanced Passchendaele pocket, the British line today looks pretty much as it did three days ago.

On the high ground north and east of Givenchy, as this is called, there is some German activity. You



"America," the largest battle tank in the world and the first of its kind built for the United States. The giant tank weighs forty-five tons and is operated by steam. It is being used to aid the Third Liberty Loan drive at an Atlantic port.

IN FEAR FOR LIFE, GERMAN GIVES UP TO BE INTERNED

Frank Kuhn, a German, attired in a woolen khaki shirt, coat and trousers of rough stuff and heavy shoes and with a week's growth of beard, walked into the office of Maurice Splain, United States Marshal, today and requested to be interned. He said he was afraid of his life and would rather be interned than run the risk of being lynched.

Kuhn is thirty-nine years old, a machinist, and has been in this country four years. He is single and came to this country just before the war broke out. Kuhn's native town is Chemnitz, Saxony, where he said he learned the trade of machinist. Kuhn left Pittsburgh last night, arriving in this city this morning.

ANOTHER MUTINY IN GERMAN CAMP; MANY SHOT DOWN

AMSTERDAM, April 19.—Another mutiny occurred in the military camp at Beverloo, in the province of Limburg, when German troops were ordered to the front, it was learned here today.

Many soldiers were reported to have been shot. The trouble continues, it is said.

ALLIED AEROPLANES HOLD SUPERIORITY; MOW ENEMY LINES

Three enemy planes have been downed for every allied aeroplane lost in the western offensive, said an official dispatch received here today.

Enemy planes are brought down each day by the score, and nearly 100,000 pounds of explosives are dropped on the enemy organizations behind their lines. On March 26 not less than fifty-six hostile aviators were brought down and twenty-four obliged to retreat. On March 27 eighty aeroplanes used more than a quarter million cartridges on the masses of German infantry, and the men were mowed down by the hundreds.

German radiograms are recognizing the superiority of the allied airmen in the following manner: "In certain regions he penetrated with squadrons of sixty aviators with such force that our aviators could only repulse them after severe combat."

It is the duty of each person in the United States to eat not more than one-half pound of wheat products each week.—D. C. Food Administrator.